

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 26, 2007, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 26, 2007. Claims 1-44 are currently pending in the application. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Election/Restriction

Claims 1-44 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement. The claims have been restricted under 35 U.S.C. § 121 as follows:

I. Claims 1-19, drawn to a method of intervening a pipeline, classified in class 405, subclass 184.3.

II. Claims 20-29, drawn to an apparatus for remediating a pipeline with a vessel, classified in class 405, subclass 184.1.

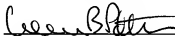
III. Claims 30-44, drawn to the method and vessel for drilling offshore with a continuous casing, classified in class 175, subclass 5.

Applicant provisionally elects Invention I, claims 1-19 without traverse. Applicant has cancelled claims 20-44 without prejudice and Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications based upon Inventions II and III. Additionally, Applicant has added new claims 45-50. Applicant believes that new claims 45-50 read on invention I. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that new claims 45-50 be examined with claims 1-19. Furthermore, the specification was amended to correct informalities.

Conclusion

Having addressed all issues set out in the Restriction Requirement, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal or modification of the restriction requirement.

Respectfully submitted,



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